RE. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Madam Deputy Chairman, before you proceed with the other Business, I have a point of order. Yesterday, the discussion on the Industrial Policy Statement was initiated. It was less than halfway through. But we find from the Agenda today that this been pushed to the third place, after two Bills. These two Bills have been given priority. This is not proper. None of us was taken into confidence. We are of the view that the Industrial Policy Statement needs to be discussed at great length. Overriding importance needs to be attached to this. I would request that the original order be restored.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, yesterday, I alongwith Mr. Yashwant Sinha and Mr. Jagesh Desai, raised this. We were assured by the Vice-Chairman that our feelings would be reflected in the Agenda today. But we find from the Agenda—the Leader of the Opposition rightly said—that two small Bills have been given precedence.

Madam, you will kindly recall that since this Industrial Policy Resolution was laid on the Table, we have been demanding a full-length discussion on it. It is a very important thing. It is not merely a statement on other issues. It is the Industrial Policy Resolution. It is more important than the budget, because the budget is only for one year where as this is going to have a fallout over a period of years. I understand that the Prime Minister is to reply to the discussion. So, my request is that immediately after the papers are laid on the Table, let the discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution be taken up. Actually four hours were allotted for this discussion but only for half an hour could be spent so far. So three and a half hours are left, and the Prime Minister has also to reply to it. Now if these two Bills are taken up and then the Special Mentions, obviously, again it will remain unfinished because other business is there. We do not want that the discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution should take place in this way. So it should be taken up immediately.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam, I will just read from yesterday's proceedings. When we raised this point, the Vice-Chairman said: "I entirely agree with you; there is no dispute on that. Now let us take up the discussion." Now, the impression with which we went home yesterday was that this is how the Order Paper would be organized. But we were quite disappointed—in fact, shocked—when we saw that the decision which had been taken by the whole House yesterday has been altered without anybody's knowledge.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairperson, I think we should take up the Industrial Policy Resolution but, at the same time we should sit late and complete the whole agenda which has been put on today's Order Paper. If that is done, I think, everything will be all right. Let us sit late and finish the whole agenda. But the Industrial Policy Resolution should be given priority because last time also such a thing had happened.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarni... *(Interruptions)*... Let Mr. Kulkarni say what he wants to say—about the same issue.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam, I agree with my friends here and Mr. Jagesh Desai, that it was decided yesterday. I think the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Masoodkar, was sitting there and he said that this would be the first discussion after the papers are laid on the Table. Now I am surprised at this because, as my friends have pointed out, this is such an important discussion. This is a very important policy for going on with the

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Plan; the Eighth Plan is concerned with it. So we should discuss this first and I would request you that you should agree to change the pattern. So far as the Bills are concerned, I would request my friends here, let there not be much of a discussion on them. We can pass them. as they are in the evening.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, may I have one word?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, now it is better that you speak.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: This item on the agenda was not deliberately placed to avoid a discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution. Like the honourable Members sitting on that side, we are also so much concerned about the discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution. So, there is no going back on that. But the practical difficulty which came in the way is that the Industry Minister reported to the Secretariat—not to me, actually —that there was work for him in the morning in the Lok Sabha... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, this kind of an argument is not acceptable. Every time they are saying that the Minister is busy in the other House. Rather it amounts to insulting this House. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him give his explanation.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I appreciate your anxiety but let me also speak but what I have to say. Please have the patience. to listen to me also. ... *(Interruptions)* ...I am listening to you.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: This is the standard argument of the Government.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please let me hear. If you are not interested, at least, I am interested to know what his problem is. Let me hear what he wants to say, please.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, it is not a question of argument; it is a question of reality. I found a letter from the Industry Minister here in the Secretariat, asking for some more time. Because in the morning they are all detained on that side, they want some more time.

I suggested informally in the Deputy Chairman's Chamber when our hon. friends, Members like Mr. Dipen Ghosh and others, were there that we should start it by 12-30 or even at 1-00 p.m. Let us forgo our lunch and go ahead with the discussion. Before that if we are able to complete one Bill, that will be a greatly pleasant thing because we have got two Bills replacing Ordinances. Please co-operate and see how we can compromise on it.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, I have a submission on this point.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, this argument that the Ministers are busy there does not hold for the simple reason that we have fortunately more than one Minister of State for Industry, apart from the Prime Minister. If there was only one Minister, we could have set some store by this argument. We have as many as three Ministers working in the Ministry of Industry. So, this argument does not simply wash.

Secondly, as for the Bill, we will try and co-operate. Therefore, we suggest and insist that the discussion on the Industrial Policy statement be resumed immediately.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But no special mentions now? Shall we take up special mentions in the afternoon? Let me ask.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): No special mentions now. Later.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: They may be taken up later. On a number of days we have done so.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : स्पेशल मेंशन होगा । मैडम, आज लास्ट डे है, आपने अलाऊ किया है, स्पेशल मेंशन होगा ।

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We may take up special mentions after the lunch-break. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nobody is saying that there will be no special mentions. The only thing is about the timing. It is a question of the timing, when what should be taken up, please.

श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर (मध्य प्रदेश) : सभापति जी ने अलाऊ किया है ।

उपसभापति : अलाऊ किया है ।

I have not marked the time. You should know that. So, please have patience. The question is that there is a necessity and urgency to pass the Bills also. There are Ordinances. There is also the desire to discuss the Industrial Policy. We have to find a via media. So, we can take up special mentions after this.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): The Bills can be the last items on the agenda. We have to pass them. Why should they be given priority? We should take up special mentions, then the Industrial Policy and then the Bills.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: At what time will the Minister be available?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, Bills always get priority. The Government business always gets priority. So, kindly consider that aspect also.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What is Government business?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, if you permit me, I will go and find out when the Minister can come?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, the House was to be adjourned *sine die* on the 2nd. But for three days it was extended on the specific ground that the House would be given an opportunity to discuss the Industrial Policy. You will please remember that in the BAC it was decided that a whole day would be given for discussing the Industrial Policy. Yesterday it appeared in the agenda. It was taken up only at five o'clock. Today again it has been marked for such a time. So, I want to know from the Minister whether the ruling party as such is interested in allowing Rajya Sabha to discuss the Industrial Policy or not today just now. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him get the Minister first.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : अभी तुरन्त अभी हो जाए या शाम के 7.00 बजे हो जाए तो क्या आसमान टूट पड़ेगा ? विशेष उल्लेख, जो सदस्यों का अधिकार है, उसका भी तो सोचो ।

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): They want to run away after the Bills are passed. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, if you permit me....

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : यह संसद सदस्यों का अधिकार है, स्पशल मेशन कर लिजिए, बिल शाम को लीजिए । स्पेशल मेशन के तुरन्त बाद इडास्ट्रयल पालिसी ले लीजिए लेकिन स्पशल मेशन पहले होना चाहिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please. Don't you want the Bills to be passed? It is upto you. (*Interruptions*) Then, just keep quiet. Let me settle the matter.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I have a submission. Please listen to me. The point is that we can have a discussion on the Industrial Policy late in the night. There are instances when the House met till midnight to discuss issues. There is no point in saying that heaven is not going to fall on our heads if we discuss the motion late in the night. That is not the point.

But the point is that today is the last day of this particular session. Therefore, Members might have decided to leave Delhi by the evening. Therefore, if you decide to extend the discussion and continue the discussion till late in the night after disposing of all the important items and then taking up the most unimportant items, then, what will be the fate of the discussion? It will be the most infructuous. In this context I draw your attention to the fact that this House discussed a Call Attention on power situation. We have not yet heard the reply of the hon. Minister on it in spite of the fact that the Call Attention on the power situation was very important. The House is being run in such a way that Call Attention tabled by the hon. Members has not yet been responded to by the Minister. If this is the way the discussions are going to run in the House, I am afraid the proceedings will become extremely infructuous. Therefore, my submission is, if you like us to discuss the Industrial Policy, then discuss it at the appropriate time. If the Government is not agreeing to discuss it, then let the Government take a decision. Let us have a discussion even at mid-night. We are prepared to have a midnight session.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: By this Industrial Policy Resolution they are going to mortgage the economy to the multi-nationals. We won the freedom at midnight. Now, they want to sell the country's economy at midnight. You are not allowing that discussion at midnight.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, the whole controversy is for about 45 minutes. At 12-00 the Question Hour will be over in the Lok Sabha.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: At 12 o'clock the Question Hour will be over. (*Interruptions*) Order, please.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, you continue the discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, please take your seat. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs has said that the Industry Ministers are busy with the Question Hour. If you can wait till 12.15, he will come. So, in the meanwhile we have got 45 minutes. We can finish the Special Mentions.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: But you fix up the time for discussion at 12-00.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He will come at 12.15.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: We will take up the Industrial Policy Resolution at 12.15 irrespective of what is going on in the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: O.K. If the House agrees, I have no objection. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, I want to speak on a very important matter. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Narayanasamy Ji, please sit down. (*Interruptions*) Just a minute. I am not allowing you. Please take your seat. If anybody speaks without my permission, I assure you neither will it go on the record nor will it be reported in the press. This is what I am announcing. Please take your seat.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, please give me half a minute.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will give you when I feel that there is a time to give you half a minute, but not now. There is so much shortage of time that I cannot give just now half a minute. (*Interruptions*) He is seeking my permission, that is why I am allowing him.

SHRI MADAN BHATIA (Nominated): When will the Bills be taken up?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When we finish the Industrial Policy.

SHRI MADAN BHATIA: I want to make only one suggestion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now that is over. The Government has agreed to it. It is not for the Chair, it is for the Government. It has agreed to it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADAN BHATIA: The Leader of the Opposition has said "We shall cooperate in passing the Bills." I respectfully submit that when we have passed the Constitutional Amendments in certain circumstances without discussion, these two Bills, which are of administrative necessity, can also be passed without discussion. So, far as the Bill relating to the Municipal Corporation Act is concerned, it is creating so much problem and headache for all the house-owners in Delhi and for the Commissioner that it does not require any discussion at all. So also the Bill relating to the amendment of the Criminal Procedure Code. The Leader of the Opposition has said they will cooperate. So, no discussion is required over them.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I agree that there is a seriousness of the Bills to be passed. I agree that every business in the House is important, but let me finish these gradually. If we keep on discussing..

SHRI MADAN BHATIA: These are two Bills and they say they will cooperate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: O.K. We will discuss it when the Bills come for discussion.

SHRI MADAN BHATIA: They are of administrative necessity requiring no discussion. In five minutes they can be passed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If the House so agrees that both the Bills can be passed without discussion, at that moment we will discuss. Let us reach the river. Then we will think how to cross it.

REFERENCE TO DEPORTATION OF SRI LANKAN TAMIL REFUGEES

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, yesterday *The Hindu* reported that the hon. Minister of State for Home, Mr. Jacob and the visiting Sri Lankan Minister had come to an agreement to send back all the Tamil